

## **AGENDA**

### **CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS**

Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 9:00 AM  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT  
Second Floor – Law Library

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**I. MINUTES**

Review and approval of the minutes from November 19, 2008.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

A Investigations Update

*Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, Department of Public Health*

B. Examination Update

*Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, Department of Public Health*

**III. Legal Office Business**

Cohen Fashion Optical, Inc., Danbury, CT – Petition No. 2007-0719-057-003

*Presentation of Consent Order – Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH*

**IV. New Business**

Examination Appeals

*Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, Department of Public Health*

**V. Old Business**

Development of a New Eyewear Licensing Examination

**VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURN**

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the board.

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians held a meeting on November 19, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Second Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Conlin, LO, Chairperson  
Loray Courchaine, Public Member  
Skip Rivard, LO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison  
Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH  
Steve Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH  
Dennis Antonucci, LO  
Dottie Byus, LO  
Raymond Dennis, LO  
Bruce Tooker, LO

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Chairperson Linda Conlin called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

Skip Rivard was welcomed as a member of the Board

**MINUTES – August 13, 2008**

The minutes of the August 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Courchaine moved and Ms. Conlin seconded that these minutes be approved. The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Schedule Meeting Dates for 2009**

Following are the dates for Board Meetings scheduled for 2009.

January 28, 2009

April 22, 2009

August 26, 2009

December 2, 2009

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**B Investigations Update**

Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit reported that there are six ongoing investigations at this time, three are with the legal office and three are up for action.

**C. Examination Update**

Maritsa Morales was absent, examination update postponed until the January 28, 2009 meeting.

**D. Development of a New Licensing Examination**

Following a motion by Mr. Rivard and seconded by Ms. Courchaine, the Board went into Executive session at 9:25 a.m.

The Board met with a group of professionals to review the structure and content of the current eyewear licensing examination and plans for changes/development of a new examination.

Executive session concluded at 11:15 a.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Chair invited the opticians back for the January 28, 2009 meeting. A round up discussion to go over the proposed changes to the exam will be held at that time. An e-mail with these changes will be sent in advance.
2. Raymond Dennis informed the Board that he will be acting as a liaison for the COA, handling anonymous complaints of statute violations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Courchaine made a motion and Mr. Rivard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loray Courchaine  
Public Member  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians